



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

December 1st, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception Nativity

Well done to the Reception children for a wonderful start to the Christmas season with their fantastic Nativity performance! Facing such a large audience is such a daunting experience and the children acquitted themselves so well. The rendition of We Wish You a Merry Christmas, officially heralds the beginning of Christmas at Wychwood! Thank you to all the staff (despite the coughs and cold) for organising such a lovely performance.

Next week it is the turn of the children in Year 1/2. Parents should have received an email with more information about the performance.

Pantomime Trip

The children in Key Stage 1 enjoyed the trip to Chipping Norton to see Cinderella. Thank you to all the parent helpers who accompanied us and a particular thank you to Mr Bamber and Mr Pridmore who I hear were the stars of the show!

Christmas at Wychwood!

It's December which means we can enjoy all the Christmas traditions that make Wychwood such a special place at this time of year. Today we had the children in Year 5/6 bringing in their advent calendars (well done parents!) and next week the Christmas Post will be opened, meaning that children can send Christmas cards to each other if they wish. Post boxes will be available for each phase and our Year 5/6 Elves will sort and deliver through the coming weeks. Please make sure that you write the name and class for the Elves to deliver to the right place!

We are also looking forward to the Christmas Bazaar which takes place on Friday 15th. The children in Year 5/6 will have created the most amazing stalls for the all the children across the school to take part in. We also will have the PTA members in the hall, sharing Christmas cheer with the children and of course we are hoping that a special visitor will be stopping by. Remember it is a packed lunch day for everyone (from home, or booked on School Grid) and we would ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 to made to ParentPay.

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Staffing

Following on from last week's news that Mrs Finch will be leaving the school, I'm pleased to share with you the arrangements for Elm and Maple class after Christmas. Mrs Napper will be teaching full time in Maple and Mrs Nation Grainger will be teaching on Thursday and Friday in Elm class with Mrs Billows. In Reception, Mrs Wheatley will continue to teach in Ash.

PTA Disco and Market

We had a great time last week with the PTA Disco and Market. Thank you so much to the PTA for organising such a lovely evening. The children danced to indecipherable music and outside we had lovely stalls where parents were enjoying warm refreshments. What more can you ask for?

Cassidy's Christmas Auction

Today is the launch of Cassidy's Christmas Auction in aid of Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC UK). Cassidy continues to be very much part of our school and we are happy to promote this amazing charity. Our thoughts are with the Niner family as we approach the Christmas holidays and if you can help by donating, it will be much appreciated. You can take part in the auction by clicking on this link:

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/cassidyschristmasauctionraisingmoneyforsudcuk>

Boccia Ball

Earlier in the week Mrs Stratford took 9 children to take part in the annual Boccia Ball tournament. I know everyone had a lot of fun and represented themselves and the school well.

PTA News

Christmas Bazaar - Friday 15th December

Here we go again, it's cold, it's nearly Christmas, which can only mean it's almost time for the Christmas Bazaar! A totally wonderful and bonkers day spent helping the children gift their loved ones, take part in fun antics such as the Teddy Tombola, Lucky Dip, plus and the year 5/6 games! And there's a little rumour that the main man himself might also make an appearance! Here's everything you need to know about the Christmas Bazaar in a nutshell:

Date: Friday 15th December

Location: At school, during the school day

Children can wear non-school uniform on this day (festive attire optional!)

Key features: Choose a parent/carer gift, Teddy Tombola, Lucky Dip, Year 5/6 games

Cost: £5 per child, payable via ParentPay (option to pay smaller amount too)



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How you can help:

Donate a parent / carer gift - we'd love every child to be able to choose one item to give to a parent or carer - we heavily rely on donations for this! We'd be so grateful if you could send your child in with an item that can be gifted - it can be anything from a chocolate orange, to hand cream, a keyring or bottle opener - basically anything nifty, gifty that you think would make a lovely treat for another parent! Children will choose from this selection on the day, we'll wrap them and they'll bring them home to place under the tree.

- **Soft toys** - if you have any preloved soft toys that are in need of a new home, we'd love to have them for the Teddy Tombola!
- **Lucky Dip prizes** - have you been storing up little party bag paraphernalia over the course of the year? Do you have a drawer full of marbles or pencils with rubbers gathering dust? We'd LOVE them for the Lucky Dip!
- **Be a gift-wrapping wizard** - We'd love some extra pairs of hands to help wrap gifts on the present station - if you can spare an hour or two (or more) on Friday 15th December to help, we'd LOVE you to join us. Hot tea and biscuits will absolutely be supplied! Email Daisy: wychwoodprimarypta@gmail.com, DM on Classlist or WhatsApp: 07467 226640!

****Boxes will be in the playground every day from Monday 4th December for you drop off your donations, or you can hand them into the office****

After school on the 15th, we'll be selling hot drinks (spiced apple, hot chocolate, tea and coffee) in the playground, alongside the *Chestnut Class Bake for Books* cake sale! AND - you can enter to win the loveliest prize hamper, with prizes kindly donated by our fantastic stallholders from Friday's Christmas Market! We can't wait to see you there!

In other news:

Disco and Christmas Market!

A huge thank you for supporting the school discos and our first Christmas Market last week! It was a chilly, but beautiful winter's evening and despite a few power hiccups with the mulled wine and hot chocolate (lessons learned for next time!), it was so special to host at school after dark. And the children danced their socks off across the disco sessions! An enormous thank you to our stallholders for braving the cold, to all the parents, carers and friends who came to join us and to all the volunteers and staff who made both the school discos and market such a success! We are still finalising the totals, but across all events last Friday we have raised just over £1000!

Cauliflower Cards have arrived!

...And will be coming home with children today and Monday!



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*Thank you very much everyone - we appreciate it's been a busy term with events and cannot thank you all enough for your ongoing support and energy, which has helped make each one so special! We promise a quieter January - I think we all need it!
Have a great weekend,
The PTA Team :)*

Upcoming Events

Date	Details	Who
6 th December	KS1 Nativity 2:00pm	Year 1/2
6 th December	Choir to Burford for concert – 5.15pm	Year 3-6 Choir
7 th December	KS1 Nativity 2:00pm	Year 1/2
12 th December	Trip to Ashmolean Museum	Year 3 and 4
14 th December	Christmas Lunch	All
15 th December	Christmas Bazaar	All
15 th December	Chestnut Class Bake for Books	Chestnut Class
18 th December	Santa Fun Run	All
20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All
20 th December	Christmas Church Service	LKS2
20 th December	Autumn Term Ends 1:30 finish	All
8 th January	Inset Day	
9 th January	Start of Spring Term	All

Birthday Book Donations

Happy Birthday to Edward (Sycamore). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you have a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.



Thank you for your continued support!

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